



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEPH M. REHEISER

Brig. Gen. Joseph M. Reheiser is Vice Commander of 5th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan. In this position, he is responsible for preparing the staff of a combat headquarters through bilateral planning, exercises and air operations with the Japan Air Self-Defense Force to prosecute the air war in defense of Japan. The command provides the nucleus to support the wartime joint force air component commander.

General Reheiser graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1978. He has commanded at the squadron, operations group, and wing level. He has held key staff positions at Headquarters Air Mobility Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, and the Joint Staff. As commander of the 14th Airlift Squadron he led the first operational combat deployment of the C-17 providing critical airlift during Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR in Bosnia. While commanding the 86th Operations Group at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, he controlled all intratheater airlift supporting combat operations during Operation ALLIED FORCE, and led Operation RAPID GUARDIAN, the first combat airdrop in Europe since World War II. He is a command pilot with more than 4,600 hours in mobility aircraft.



#### EDUCATION

- 1978 Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Mechanics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1982 Marine Corps Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 1983 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1985 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 1985 Master of Arts Degree in Business Administration, Webster University, St Louis, Mo.
- 1993 Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
- 1998 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1978 - July 1979, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. August 1979 - January 1980, Student, C-130 Training, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

3. January 1980 - December 1982, C-130 Aircraft Commander, 345th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan
4. January 1983 - March 1983, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
5. January 1983 - June 1985, C-130 Flight Examiner and Executive Officer, 16th Tactical Airlift Training Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.
6. June 1985 - June 1986, ASTRA Officer, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
7. July 1986 - June 1989, C-141 Flight Examiner Aircraft Commander; Wing Executive Officer, 20th and 17th Military Airlift Squadrons and 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
8. August 1989 - June 1992, Chief of C-141 Tactics; Chief, Planning, Programming and Budgeting System Branch, DCS Plans and Programs, Headquarters Military Airlift Command and Air Mobility Commands, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
9. June 1992 - June 1993, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kan.
10. July 1993 - June 1997, Chief of Safety, 437th Airlift Wing; Commander, 14th Airlift Squadron, 437th Operations Group, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
11. July 1997 - June 1998, Student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
12. August 1998 - March 2000, Commander, 86th Operations Group, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
13. April 2000 - April 2002, Chief, Logistics Readiness Center, Logistics Directorate (J4), Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
14. April 2002 - September 2003, Assistant Director of Air and Space Operations, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
15. September 2003 – September 2005, Commander, 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.
16. September 2005 – Present, Vice Commander, Headquarters 5th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 4,600

Aircraft Flown: C-9, C-17, C-21, C-130E/H/J and C-141

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Southwest Asia Service Medal with one device

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal  
NATO Medal  
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Kuwait)

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	May 31, 1978
First Lieutenant	May 31, 1980
Captain	May 31, 1982
Major	March 1, 1989
Lieutenant Colonel	March 1, 1994
Colonel	September 1, 1998
Brigadier General	September 1, 2005

(Current as of September 2005)